Sl. No.	Name of the State/Union Territory	Grants released during 1993-94 under the IEDC Scheme
13	Tripura	2.01
	UNION TERITORIES	
1	A & N Islands . .	9.84
2	Chandigarh . . .	0.99
3	Delhi	11.29
		7.45
4	Daman & Diu . .	0.42
	Total :	449.95
	OR SAY	450.00

No assistance could be provided to the State Government of Punjab under the IEDC Scheme during 1993-94 as progress report and utilisation position of grants sanctioned for implementation of the scheme in 1989-90 and 1991-92 were not furnished.

For 1994-95 proposals have been invited from State Governments/U.T. Administrations. A budget provision of Rs. 470.00 lakhs is available for implementation of the scheme of IEDC during 1994-95 out of which Rs. 166.00 lakhs has been released so far to various States/UTs and voluntary organisations. No proposal for this period duly recommended by the State Education Department, has been received from the Government of Punjab so far.

Production and Demand of Milk and Milk Products

2720. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total production and demand of milk and milk products in country at present;

(b) the estimated requirement of milk and milk products during the next three years;

(c) whether Government propose to formulate any comprehensive plan for increasing the milk production; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) During 1993-94 the total production and demand of milk and milk products in the country was 60.80 and 71.39 million tonnes respectively.

(b) The estimated requirements of milk and milk products during 1994-95, 1995-96 and 1996-97 are 72.75, 74.12 and 75.48 million tonnes respectively.

(c) and (d) All round efforts are being made to increase milk production in the country. The strategies being pursued in this regard are as under:

1. Genetic improvement of nationally important cattle breeds by selective breeding in their hometracts and upgrading in other selected areas;
2. Cross-breeding of non-descript cattle with exotic dairy breeds;
3. Genetic improvement of important buffalo breeds by selective breeding and upgrading of non-descript buffaloes in other areas;
4. Development of feed and fodder resources;
5. Organisation of effective animals health services to support the production programme;
6. Implementation of Operation Flood Programme; and
7. Integrated dairy development for non-operational, hilly and backward areas.

Contract to International Service for National Agricultural Research

2721. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government awarded a contract to International Service for National Agricultural Research, Netherlands, to render consultancy services to Indian Council of Agricultuaral Research for the development of management information system;

(b) if so, details of cost of the contract;

(c) whether National Informatics Centre possesses expertise for rendering such consultancy and whether the Centre had offered its services for the purpose;

(d) if so, the reasons for not accepting the offer of NIC;

(e) whether technical and economic factors justified the award of contract to a foreign agency, if so, details of comparative costs of contract by ISNAR and NIC;

(f) whether this contract included pecuniary advantage for Government/Semi-Government officers, and if so, details thereof;

(g) whether the same pecuniary advantage would have been admissible had the services of NIC been availed in this case; and

(h) if not, details of action taken or proposed to be taken in the matter for such lapses ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) Yes, Sir. The contract was given to International Service for National Agricultural Research (ISNAR), a CGIAR Institution, to which Govt. of India is also a donor.

(b) Contract was awarded on the basis of actual expenses as certified by ISNAR subject to the overall ceiling of US $ 249581.

(c) and (d) It was considered that National Informatics Centre (NIC) did not have the necessary expertise to undertake a need-assessment study of the type awarded to ISNAR and a decision to award this contract was taken in a group meeting in which the D.G., NIC was also present. Further, NIC was not eligible to participate in a World Bank financed project.

(e) Since NIC did not have the necesary competance nor was it eligible for consideration, the question of comparative costs does not arise.

(f) Pecuniary advantage for Government/Semi-Government officers could be available, if their services are utilized as per norms and with the approval of competent authority.

(g) and (h) Yes, Sir.

Vegetable/Horticulture Mini-kit Demonstration Scheme

2722. SHRI NYODEK YONGGAM : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the total amount of fund sanctioned by Government to the State Government of Arunachal Pradesh in the form of cent percent grant under the centrally sponsored vegetable/horticulture mini-kit demonstration scheme; and

(b) what are the names of districts of Arunachal Pradesh where vegetable/horticulture mini-kits were distributed using this fund and what was the production of vegetables there during 1993-94 ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM) : (a) The total amount sanctioned for Arunachal Pradesh under the Central Sector Scheme on Production and supply of Vegetable Seeds (Component of Vegetable Mini-kits) was Rs. 3.00 lakh for 1993-94.

(b) The vegetable mini-kits were distributed in the districts of East-Siang, West-Siang, Lower-Subansiri, East-Kameng, Lohit, Changlang, Tirap and Dibang Valley. Total production of vegetable excluding potatoes during 1993-94 was 29,750 MTs. in the concerned districts.

चारे की खेती

2723. **श्री गोपाल सिंह जी० सोलंकी** : क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) चारे की खेती के क्षेत्र में वृद्धि करने के लिए क्या-क्या कदम उठाए जा रहे हैं;

(ख) पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान ऐसी खेती के क्षेत्र में की गई वृद्धि का वर्ष-वार तथा राज्य-वार ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ग) जिन क्षेत्रों में चारा बेकार चला जाता है अथवा जला दिया जाता है, वहां चारे के उपयुक्त उपयोग हेतु क्या कार्यवाही की जा रही है;

(घ) तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ङ) चारे के विभिन्न प्रकार के उपयोगों हेतु इसके प्रसंस्करण में वृद्धि करने तथा उसमें सुधार लाने के लिए क्या-क्या कदम उठाए गए हैं ?

कृषि मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री अरविन्द नेताम) : (क) से (ङ) यह जानकारी राज्यों / केंद्र शासित प्रदेशों से एकत्र की जा रही है तथा सदन के सभा पटल पर रख दी जाएगी ।

Term Loan for New Co-operative Sugar Factories in Gujarat

2724. SHRIMATI CHANDRIKA ABHINANDAN JAIN : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government of Gujarat has requested the Central Government for sanctioninig of term loan for the new Co-operative Sugar Factories to be set-up in Gujarat;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what action/measures Government propose to take in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM) : (a) The Government of India do not provide term loans